

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDED
SPECIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.121(B)(2)(ii)**

In the Specification:

Please add the following two paragraphs to follow the paragraph ending on line 5, page 6 of the originally filed specification:

-- The drawstring retention means 38 further comprises an integrally attached extinguishing cap 40. The extinguishing cap 40 is a cylindrical cap having a top portion 42 (corresponding to the lower wall of the drawstring retention means), a cylindrical sidewall 44 depending from the top portion 42, and a cavity 46 formed along the interior of the cap 40 by the top portion 42 and the sidewall 44. The cap 40 is placed over a torch flame so that the flame enters the cavity 46 and is enveloped by the top portion 42 and sidewall 44. The cap 40 extinguishes the torch flame by physically stamping the flame along the top portion 42. The cap 40 may then rest on the top surface of the torch until the surface sufficiently cools to receive the cover 10. The cap 40 is manufactured from a fire resistant and durable material, such as metal, stone, glass, plexiglass, acrylic, ceramic, mortar, fire resistant nylon and other similar materials, so that the cap 40 may be used repeatedly without melting, disfiguring or otherwise damaging the cap 40.

In an alternative embodiment, the cover 10 does not include an extinguishing cap 40. Instead, the internal retention volume 26 formed along the interior of the cover 10 is formed by a flame resistant nylon fiber, such as the fiber NOMEX®. Furthermore, the internal retention volume 26 may be formed by a fabric strengthening nylon fiber, such as the fiber KEVLAR®, to

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strengthen the fabric to withstand heat and/or manual abuse exerted on the cover 10. Thus, the upper end of the internal retention volume 26 may act to extinguish the torch flame through physical stamping of the flame, while the flame/fire resistant nylon fibers allow the cover 10 to be secured against the top of the torch without fear of burning or severely damaging the cover 10.
